



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	April	2024		31 st	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	SEFTON UNIT NO 48 OF THE SEA CADET CORPS
Other names charity is known by	Sefton Sea Cadets
Registered charity number (if any)	521143
Charity's principal address	3 Field Lane Litherland Liverpool Postcode L21 9LU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Sean Kearns	Chairperson		
Wendy Reilly	Treasurer		
Tricia Waterson	Secretary		
Lisa Melia	Deputy Chairperson		
Edwin Pownall	Commanding Officer		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

Sea Cadets Standard Constitution 2017

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

Unit Management Trustee Committee

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Unit Management Team (UMT), made up of the elected Trustees and appointed Commanding Officer, are responsible for the management and administration of the Sea Cadet Unit and for all its financial, legal, regulatory and charity aspects. In conducting its business, the UMT are required to act in accordance with Sea Cadet Regulations of which the constitution forms a part, and which are issued by the Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC) Council, the Law of the Country in which the Unit is established, and to have regard to any guidance issued by the Charities Commission.

Before a new UMT member is elected, it remains conditional until they have completed a UMT Trustee application form, which includes a declaration that they are a fit and proper person to be charity trustee, have provided two references and undergone a DBS check as per MSSC Policy and Onboarding Processes.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charitable purpose of the Sefton Sea Cadets is to promote the development of young people in the Sefton area in achieving their physical, intellectual and social potential as individuals and as responsible citizens by the provision of education and leisure time activities using a nautical theme and in accordance with the principles, ethos and practices of the Marine Society and Sea Cadets.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The purpose of the Sefton Sea Cadets is set out in the constitution and is to:

- Offer young people a structured environment in which to develop.
- Provide access to education and training including (but not restricted to) sailing, paddle sports, power boating, seamanship, navigation, marine engineering, cooking, music, first aid, drill, piping and public service;
- Provide opportunities for young people to obtain a range of qualifications; and
- Provide opportunities for community involvement

The above is within the realms of the guidance issued by the Charities Commission for Public Benefit, covering both the benefit and public aspects.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sefton Sea Cadets have been awarded funding for a Battle of Atlantic historical memorial based at our Field Lane unit. The BOA fund very kindly awarded Sefton Sea Cadets £60k to refurbish the rigging loft into 2 permanent classrooms for Engineering and Seamanship lessons. The refurbished rooms will be a lasting memorial to the Battle of the Atlantic, displaying photographs and other commemorative items.

Operational Overview

As at the end of the year we are currently actively supporting 64 young people Sefton Unit ranging from 10-18 years. Cadets are supported by over 40 qualified volunteer instructors and trustees, who each donate approximately 10-20 hours per week.

Throughout the year the operational part of the charity has out done itself to achieve more than ever before. The Cadets and Instructors have succeeded by adding another Burgee award to the long history of excellence awards held by Sefton. In this year our volunteers donated over £250,000 worth of their time to help fulfil our mission of "giving young people the best head start in life". This has been further helped by many other parents and supporters from our community who have given countless hours to benefit the Cadets of Sefton.

Of particular note in the 2024/2025 period, the Royal Marine Cadets were selected to be one of six teams competing in their national competition – The Gibraltar Cup. This was achieved alongside delivering their normal high level of training and also increasing their total number of Cadets and Volunteers.

Key Achievements

Leadership Development - We witnessed substantial growth in our cadet leadership skills. Through various senior cadet development and practical exercises, our aspirant senior cadets displayed an exceptional aptitude for leading their peers both on and off the water.

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Community Engagement - Sefton remained deeply involved in our local community. Our cadet cadets actively participated in several community service initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to giving back and fostering positive relationships within Sefton.

Competitive Success - Our cadets made us proud by achieving commendable results in District, Area and National Sea Cadets competitions.

Afloat Proficiency - With an emphasis on waterborne activities, our cadets exhibited remarkable progress in sailing. They demonstrated a sound understanding of navigation, seamanship and safety protocols, reflecting their dedication to mastering essential maritime skills. The Cadets have also started taking part in regional sailing races, competing against other local groups and Cadet Forces.

Future Plans

We have continued to develop our infrastructure and in the next year will finalise the new Battle of Atlantic facility, with specialist facilities for maritime training, and continue the rolling renovation of other parts of the Field Lane facility. These renovations will continue to be performed by the Cadets where possible, teaching valuable life skills in the process and growing a sense of pride and ownership in them.

Through the next year we will shift to longer term strategies including finalising plans for our new buildings at Field Lane, and beginning the large scale fundraising effort to finance the new buildings. This will be conducted alongside identifying gaps in training equipment and seeking fundraising to support new equipment such as rowing and sailing boats, adventure training equipment and the ability to transport them to any training venue.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

There is no formal policy of unit reserves, however, Trustees have decided to transfer funds into a higher interest business account when the current account is in credit of more than £10,000

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sefton Sea Cadets principal source of funding is provided by membership fees by each member throughout the year and grant funding applied to specific projects. The core funding is supplemented by fund raising activities throughout the year in the form of bucket collections and sponsored events.

Funding received during 2024/2025 financial period:

- Bursaries for cadets £750
- Donations £16k
- Fundraising £6k
- Grant funding for specific projects £78k

Section F Other optional information



There is no liability for loans, creditors or any bank overdrafts.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Sean Kearns

Wendy Reilly

Position

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date

23/9/25.

Sefton Sea Cadets -Trading Account for financial year April 2024 - March 2025

Community Account

Opening Balances			
Cash	£3,191.65		
Current Account	£22,155.02		
Savings account	£41,624.57	£66,971.24	
Income			
Donations	£15,988.05		
Fundraising	£6,223.27		
Generated	£2,591.52		
Grants	£78,024.16		
Training	£0.00		
Unearned	£6,089.54	£108,916.54	
Expenditure			
Overheads	-£17,227.45		
Operating	-£10,226.72		
Grant Purchases	-£1,720.86		
Project work	-£19,227.10		
Charitable Activity	-£7,275.94		
Fees / Charges	-£1,147.12	-£56,825.19	
Closing Balance		£119,062.59	
Closing balance figures			
Cash	£1,014.62		
Current Account	£3,184.64	£4,199.26	
Savings Account		£114,863.33	
Total Cash assets		£119,062.59	£0.00

Business Account

Balance at 1/4/24	£41,624.57
Transfer from Community account	£73,238.76
Balance at 31/03/25	£114,863.33

I have examined the foregoing accounts and statement of balances as of 31/03/2025 with the books and vouchers obtained and all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the statement of balances and accounts are properly drawn up to exhibit the true and correct view of the financial position as shown by the books of the unit.

	Name	Signature	Date
Auditors signature	Alan Mella		23/9/25
Unit Treasurers signature	Wendy Reilly		23/9/25.
Unit Chairpersons signature	Sean Kearns		23/9/25

Accounts confirmation



Alan Melia <alan_melia@hotmail.com>

To: You



Tue 23/09/2025 20:49

Good evening,


During my audit I have reviewed the accounting systems and procedures operated by the Sefton Sea Cadets. I have also conducted an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures included in the financial statements are adequately disclosed. My review of the accounting systems did not reveal any exceptions and my examination of evidence **relevant to the financial statements** revealed no matters that I wish to bring to your attention.

Kind regards

Alan Melia

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